

Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee Meeting Agenda

Meeting 22-01

Thursday, January 13, 2022

7:00 PM

Virtual - WebEx

- 7:00 1. Welcome, Meeting Recoding, Introductions
- Approval of November & December Meeting Minutes

Chair Fulton convened the meeting at 7:05 PM

The November and December meeting minutes were approved as presented

7:15 2. City Updates

- Snow clearance – requested that “HOA and other community associations” be removed from outreach materials and replaced with “property owners” and that curb ramps be included in the description. Additionally, “curb ramps” have been added to the description of what needs to be plowed by property owners.
 - Should you come across unplowed or piled sidewalks/curb ramps – please the city code enforcement.
- Twinbrook Pedestrian Bridge - No change in status from previous meeting. RFP remains with DPW Director
- W. Gude Drive sidewalk – in design for final submission; Potomac valley sidewalk – in design for 50% submission; Scott Dr shared-use path feasibility RFP is with SHA and procurement
- N. Stonestreet Ave road diet and sidewalks projects RFP has been submitted to SHA and Procurement
- Discussed response to resident concerns about ‘near miss’ intersection - develop a process for formal follow up? Bryan and PW staff to visit intersection next week.
- Do we need a formal response protocol when a ‘near miss’ or dangerous intersection is reported? Possibly develop a brochure like “Rockville guide to development”
- Marissa and Paula to start developing a process/questions for review at next meeting - then we can bring to T&T Commission. More discussion at Feb meeting.
 - Materials would be for providing to people involved in near misses to contact appropriate people within the City; and to contact organizations involved in traffic violence support
- RPAC to propose a process to elevate traffic safety requests and issues.

7:35 3. Incident & Enforcement Update

There were four incidents involving pedestrians/persons not in vehicles and 167 overall vehicle incidents in December.

12/14 12:56 pm Parking lot of 838 RVP. Female driver stepped out of her vehicle without putting it in Park. Vehicle rolled back and struck her. Possible serious injury

12/18 05:24 pm Mobil Station 890 RVP. Vehicle leaving gas station struck pedestrian walking on sidewalk. Driver fault. Minor injury.

12/23 12:11 pm CVS garage 300 Blk Hungerford Dr. Vehicle exiting parking garage stopped for traffic and failed to look to the right where 2 pedestrians were crossing driveway.
Both pedestrians had suspected minor injuries.

12/27 06:35 pm 800 Blk Monroe St. Pedestrian was walking in roadway where sidewalk is available. Pedestrian was struck by passenger side mirror. Striking vehicle left scene, unknown if driver was aware of contact. Possible injury, pedestrian at fault.

Can the PIO help with awareness to correct driver and pedestrian behavior? Potential for social media outreach for better education efforts. Traffic safety is a shared responsibility, however onus of safety is on motorists as pedestrians are not a threat to motorists

Kathleen to share the monthly incident report with Traffic & Transportation Commission. Eric to share with Mayor & Council.

Can Lt Crawford get a 'Key' for standard language to understand the variables?

7:50 4. Missing Sidewalk Priority List

- This is not an update to the sidewalk prioritization – that will be updated with pedestrian master plan, which is ongoing.
- This list prioritizes gaps mentioned by RPAC members at previous meetings, school proximity, bus stop presence and then prioritizes less, but still includes proximity to Metrorail stations, public parks, older adult communities, community gardens, and bike share stations.
- This list does not include state or county sidewalk gaps. Those will be requested through their respective sidewalk construction initiatives.
- This list will direct city staff to review for future sidewalk construction. As part of that, staff will review feasibility of all sidewalk gaps, and also include public notification. Sidewalks built in the past have been opposed by immediate neighbors and public opposition will be considered as appropriate.
- This list has more sidewalks than will be feasible to build with current budget resources. Staff will review listed projects and sidewalk projects that are deemed infeasible for a variety of reasons, including slope, drainage, right-of-way, will be postponed.
- RPAC to submit 3-5 "favorite" segments to Eric & Bryan for "best of the best." These will be sidewalks first reviewed by staff.

- Justification of sidewalk gaps to be included in list.
- State Roadway Sidewalk maintenance
 - Staff will submit maintenance request to SHA
 - It is unclear how much time SHA requires for sidewalk maintenance. May be months, may be years.
 - Bryan to follow up for a discussion of state roadways and sidewalks at the next meeting.

8:20 5. Pedestrian Master Plan Update

- Continued promotion of PMP survey and site
 - <https://engagerockville.com/pedestrian-master-plan>
 - Please submit survey responses and fill in points on map
- Bryan and subcommittee reviewing existing policies and documents - then revised documents will be shared with RPAC for review, prior to inclusion in the plan draft.
- An additional information survey will be sent to community groups and organizations within the city.

8:45 6. Open Discussion

- Lack of crosswalks at intersection of Blanford and Mt Vernon, also at Fleet and Monroe
- The process for implementing pedestrian facility improvements rests on traffic volumes which may not reflect the surrounding context and need for facilities.
- Continued discussion of snow removal responsibility when snow plows obstruct curb ramps and street access. Should there be additional consideration for secondary snow coverage caused by snow plows.
- The Montgomery County Safe Routes to School coordinator provided a presentation to RBAC. A similar presentation may be valuable for RPAC.

9:00 7. Adjourn

Next Meeting

Thursday, February 10, 2022

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